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SPECIAL ALERT

On January 31, 2023, at approximately 0845-0850 hours a motorist was stopped by what they believed to be a Hillsboro Police cruiser on the paved portion of Bog Road. It has been determined that this was not a Hillsboro Police officer or a Hillsboro Police cruiser and could be a police impersonator. If the public has video from that area or witnessed the "traffic stop," please contact Chief Parsons at 603-464-5512. Also, if you want to remain anonymous please contact the Concord Regional Crimeline at 603-226-3100.



This Week In History

February 4, 1789

U.S. elects its first President **February 5, 1989**

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is the first player to score 38,000 points

February 6, 1928

"Anastasia" arrives in the U.S.

February 7, 1904

The great fire of Baltimore begins

February 8, 1985Jaguar car company founder dies

February 9, 1900Davis Cup competition is established

February 10, 1942

Japanese submarine bombards Midway

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New England College President Dr. Wayne Lesperance led the assembly at the recent Founder's Day Ceremony commemorating NEC's 1946 opening, to serve the needs of servicemen and women attending college on the GI Bill after World War II.

Slavery in New Boston

Defendants include parents, DCYF, town police & school

New Boston Police and local schools are among the defendants in a recent lawsuit brought by a Chinese-born girl who ended up a slave to a New Boston family who adopted her. The suit also names her adoptive parents, (DCYF) and a Massachusetts adoption agency.

In her 70 page lawsuit, Olivia Atkocaitis, who is now 19, claims that the defendants subjected her to years of confinement, beatings, starvation and forced labor. It claims the agencies ignored the girl's situation, in part because she was a minority child, and kept her with an abusive family.

The parents previously pleaded guilty to related charges.

According to the lawsuit, Atkocaitis' parents, Thomas and Denise Atkocaitis,

locked her in an 8-by-8 foot room in the basement of their four-bedroom, 4,300-square-foot home. The lawsuit refers to the room as a dungeon, and the only window was secured with chicken wire.

She attended school for only one day, while the Atkocaitis' three biological children attended public schools.

Olivia used a bucket for a toilet, and the smell pervaded the house, her siblings told school officials.

"When Olivia attempted to escape, as she did repeatedly as a child, local police hunted her down, reprimanded her for escaping, and returned her to servitude. During her last effort at escape, the police used dogs to track her," the suit continues. (Related story on page 2)

New Boston Police deny improper handling of Olivia Atkocaitis case

The New Boston Police Department, which has been sued by a woman who alleges she was enslaved by her adoptive parents, on Tuesday stressed that they were instrumental in her rescue (see story on page 1).

An attorney for the town spoke on behalf of the police department in response to a lawsuit filed by Olivia Atkocaitis, who was adopted as a Chinese infant by a New Boston couple.

In an email, an attorney representing the town, Attorney Michael Courtney, said the town denies it failed to protect her.

"The investigation conducted by Chief (James) Brace, Sergeant (Stephen) Case, and other members of the New Boston Police Department ... ultimately led to the removal of the plaintiff from the home and (from the) conditions her adopted parents subjected her to," Courtney wrote. He said the town will file a response to the lawsuit. In police reports available in court records, the details of how police found her and steps that authorities took once





Thomas and Denise Atkocaitis.

they found her have been redacted.

"The implication that anybody but Olivia freed herself from that situation is demeaning," said her lawyer, Michael Lewis of Concord. "Olivia literally dug herself out of that situation."

The lawsuit lists six times between 2007 and 2017 that the police department came in contact with the Atkocaitis family, including once when one of her siblings reported Olivia's abuse to school officials.

A review of court files related to the criminal prosecution of Thomas and Denise Atkocaitis show that the case became entwined with the Attorney General's takeover of the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office in 2019.

In October 2019, an experienced Hillsborough County prosecutor had reached a plea bargain that was acceptable to the defendants, Olivia and DCYF. But less than two weeks later, David Rotman, a recently hired assistant attorney general who was overseeing the county attorney's office, said the plea bargain would not go through. He told a judge that "the powers that be" had decided against the plea bargain. Defense lawyers for the Atkocaitis parents filed objections and eventually dumped a 1,000-paper file on the desk of prosecutors 17 days before trial.

Eventually, they settled on a plea bargain. Denise Atkocaitis pleaded guilty to felony criminal restraint and served no jail time. Prosecutors dropped charges of child endangerment and accessory to criminal restraint.

Thomas Atkocaitis pleaded guilty to misdemeanor child endangerment. Prosecutors dropped felony charges of falsifying evidence and criminal restraint.



Henniker Budget Advisory Committee recommends changes

The Budget Advisory Committee has proposed the following Points of Consideration for the Select Board to consider:

- 1. Health Insurance for Henniker renews in July of 2023. Several area towns have gone to an HRA (Health Reimbursement Account) plan where up to 50% of the deductible is paid by the Town. The coverage did not change significantly. The budget committee recommended that a study be done for cost comparison. Plans chosen by employees that cost more should have a higher employee contribution.
- 2. Bids What is the monetary threshold that requires a service or purchase to require a bid? Are all received bids reviewed by the Select Board? If a bid is not required, is more than one estimate sought? If we have a vendor for particular service, i.e., alarm systems, is that the only estimate requested? Recommendation: More than one estimate be requested for services that don't require a bid.
- 3. Has consideration been given to joining with area towns to buy utility fuels such as propane and oil creating bulk purchases at a lower cost? Recommendation: Consider joining with area towns to buy utility fuels in bulk to help reduce pricing. Economies of scale in this area are efficient practices that will provide lower costs and potentially better service.
- 4. In the current budget the increases in the vehicle fuel budgets don't seem consistent. Where one department went up \$500 another

- doubled their fuel budget. Recommendation: Review a consistent estimate of fuel cost needs in this budget.
- 5. Many of the concerns and observations of this budget committee were relative to process and seemingly no strategic planning. We, as a committee intended to be of benefit to the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Henniker, feel a lack of support and resources that hinder our effort to be helpful to the budgeting process. The committee feels the budgeting process is antiquated, with a lack of electronic format and timely financial figures. The committee would be of greater assistance and fulfillment of duties if provided adequate information that could allow for multiple forms of analysis in digital format. Recommendation: In order to better support the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and the citizens of Henniker, we propose the following process changes: Electronic format of all budget documents • An initial budget season meeting with the Town Administrator to clarify budget committee scope, short- and long-term town goals, and areas of concern and focus • We understand that as an advisory committee our role is limited, however, the provision of regular financial reports for timely review through the operating year would provide valuable information and would keep the committee engaged throughout the year and better prepared for budget season. We have struggled for the last few years as a committee with our role. We find the

layout of the information given to us and the format it is given in is difficult to process or analyze. A digital format with links where we could get more detail would be more efficient. Further, we don't always have the detail, background or overall information needed to give good recommendations. We would request in the future, if we remain only an advisory committee, to meet at the beginning of the process with the Town Administrator and the Finance Director. This would also give us the overall goals of the budget for that particular year, i.e. flat budget, insight into areas of inconsistency or need of oversight. Important and Final Request: https://www.nhmunicipal. org/town-city-article/municipalbudgetcommittee-roles-and-responsibilities

We respectfully request that the Selectmen put forth a warrant article to appoint an Official Budget Committee going forward. This would allow for oversight and budget study analysis throughout the year allowing us to make more educated recommendations and assist the Select Board more knowledgably and with greater detail. Improving our budgets and the process isn't only about tight, flat budgets or making flat reductions such as 2% overall. It is more to develop processes and strategies for oversight and finding actual cost savings. With a greater focus on processes and communication, the budget committee can support investments and strategic spending that provide lower longterm expenses for Henniker citizens.

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February 4, 2022

Proposed ban on Washington shooting range-shot down Snowmobile crash leads to Warner felony DWI arrest Henniker First Responders honored for saving life Hillsborough woman arrested after crash into river

February 5, 2021

Bradford Select Board reconstituted Greenfield man guilty of planting bomb in car Henniker Select Board ignores Library request Newbury Police Department wants a K-9 unit

February 7, 2020

No injuries reported in Hopkinton rear-ender Francestown approves new tenants for Village Store Bradford Board pays tribute to John Pfeifle Historic Greenfield Inn has new owner

February 8, 2019

Antrim Planning Board approves 5 cell towers
Kearsarge students' Ethical Leadership
12 towns provide mutual aid battling Bradford fire
New Boston firefighters again asking for new firehouse

February 9, 2018

New Boston gathers to support one of their own Henniker officer cleared in 2014 shooting incident Cut of H-D School Budget by \$1.3 million fails Consolidation of schools dominates ConVal debate

February 10, 2017

New Boston named Safest Small Town in America Newport Mill on Historic Register - sold to investors Tilton may have a new police station Contoocook man injured in Dunbarton

February 5, 2016

H-D school budget cut \$445,000
Franklin man rescues infant son & daughter from fire
Bow Selectmen trim \$597,803 from proposed budget
Goffstown Police confiscate credit card skimmer

February 6, 2015

Fire destroys Henniker Highway Garage Bow investigating a dozen car break-ins Petition to withdraw Peterborough from ConVal H-D DECCA receives highest recognition again

February 7, 2014

Little discussion, no debate at New Boston session Police Department funding dominates Weare session Electrical fire destroys Francestown home Hospital CEO says Fire Chief is misinformed

February 8, 2013

Voters slash \$1 million from H-D School Budget Sunapee teachers to pay 20% of health insurance Bradford voters face choice of Town Hall locations Newport voters approve flat budget - tax rate decrease

John Stark hosts Henniker & Weare middle schoolers at Incoming 9th-Grade Night

Students and their parents/guardians of current 8th-grade students at the Henniker Community School and Weare Middle School are invited to John Stark Regional High School in Weare on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. (Snow date: Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m.)

During this evening, Administrators will meet with parents and guardians to talk about the high school experience and the many opportunities that will be available to their students.

During this time, 8th-grade students will be escorted by JSRHS Peer Leaders around the high school. It will be a great time to ask questions, meet teachers, and hear about the opportunities at John Stark.

Following Incoming 9th-Grade Night, John Stark School counselors will meet with 8th-graders at both Henniker Community (2/17) and Weare Middle School (2/20) to review course selection and the registration process.

Any questions about the Incoming

9th-Grade Night or the high school registration process, please contact the

John Stark School Counseling Center at 603-529-5306.



Last Sunday, Hillsborough's American Legion Hall was filled with friends and family of Ann Mooney, shown here with her grandchildren, for a festive celebration of her 80th Birthday.



TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



Over-the-counter (OTC) analgesics, such as aspirin, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS), and acetaminophen, are some of the most commonly used medications, widely available without a prescription, and perceived to be safe. But frequent use — including inadvertently exceeding a recommended dose when taking cold and sinus medications that contain these analgesics — can potentially cause harm. Very high doses of aspirin can lead to reversible tinnitus, but a new longitudinal study investigated

whether frequent use of typical doses of common analgesics, including low-dose and moderate-dose aspirin, NSAIDs and acetaminophen, or use of prescription COX-2 inhibitors, is independently associated with the risk of developing chronic persistent tinnitus. In a paper published in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, the researchers report that frequent use of NSAIDs or acetaminophen, or regular use of COX-2 inhibitors, was associated with higher risk of tinnitus. Low-dose aspirin use did not elevate risk, but frequent moderate-dose aspirin use was associated with higher risk of persistent tinnitus among women under 60.

Direct oral anti-coagulant (anti-clotting) (DOAC) medications that target a single clotting factor work just as well to prevent future clots as the older, less-specific medication warfarin. DOACs are also less likely to result in major bleeding after a rare, life-threatening stroke involving a clot blocking one of the veins that drains blood from the brain, according to preliminary late-breaking science presented at the American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference 2022. A cerebral venous thrombosis (CVT) stroke is rare, yet potentially life-threatening and is more common than other types of strokes among younger adults and women. "Taking birth control pills and recent childbirth are two big risk factors for CVT, so that's likely why CVT is more common among women," said Shadi Yaghi, M.D., lead author of the study.

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Your child's diet is important in preventing a cavity. Remember, every time we eat or drink something that contains sugar or starches, bacteria in our mouth use the sugar and starch to produce acids. These acids begin to eat away at the tooth's enamel.

Our saliva can help fight off this acid attack. But if we eat frequently throughout the day — especially foods and drinks containing sugar and starches — the repeated acid attacks will win the tug of war, causing the tooth to lose minerals and eventually develop a cavity.

That's why it's important to keep an eye on how often your children eat as well as what they eat.

Tooth-friendly tips:

- Limit between-meal snacks. This reduces the number of acid attacks on teeth and gives teeth a chance to repair themselves.
- Save candy, cookies, soda, and other sugary drinks for special occasions.
- Limit fruit juice. Follow the daily juice recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Make sure your child doesn't eat or drink anything with sugar in it after bedtime tooth brushing. Saliva flow decreases during sleep. Without enough saliva, teeth are less able to repair themselves after an acid attack.

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Hometown Heroes



The Weare Fire Department is saddened to report the death of Raymond Towle Eaton Sr who passed away at the age of 91 on December 22, 2022. Ray has been a member of the Weare Fire Department since 1955 and has been chief on 3 separate occasions. He also served as Weare's only fire commissioner as well as serving as forest fire warden since 1958. He was a charter member of the rescue squad. Ray was also an auxiliary police officer for the Weare Police Department from 1958-2000.



Long overdue with still a few things to complete — lettering, stocking and member training are a few to mention — but the Stoddard Fire & Rescue vehicle has arrived.



Peterborough Patrolman John Giffin and School Resource Officer Hyland, and 20 other law enforcement and school officials participated in ALICE Training at ConVal Regional High School. ALICE is a civilian-based response to a critical incident event. ALICE stands for: A-Alert, L-Lockdown, I-Inform, C-Counter, E-Evacuate.

Kearsarge Food Hub named Lake Sunapee Chamber's Business of the Year

Kearsarge Food Hub is honored to have been named the 2022 Business of the Year by the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce.

This award is for any status organization, including nonprofit like us.

Here's what the chamber had to say about our work at the awards ceremony:

"A business with such selfless dedication to its community.

Working tirelessly to grow a hyper locally supplied market and cafe with multi acre farm during an incredibly difficult time to run a profitable restaurant, solely in an attempt take all profits and return them directly to the community through food donation, most importantly in the form of healthy meals, accessible 24/7, free of charge, for anyone suffering from food insecurity.

Nominated in almost every category this evening, the work of the team at the Kearsarge Food Hub is unlike any other. From seeing a need

for change and education to creating an absolutely incredible space in Bradford and becoming a resource for so many.

What Kearsarge Food Hub offers is more than the fruits and veggies at Sweet Beet Market or a tea and scone at their new Sweet Beet Cafe...it's a NEW way of life - a NEW way to connect with your neighbors - a NEW way to look at local food - a NEW way to change the world around you. There is

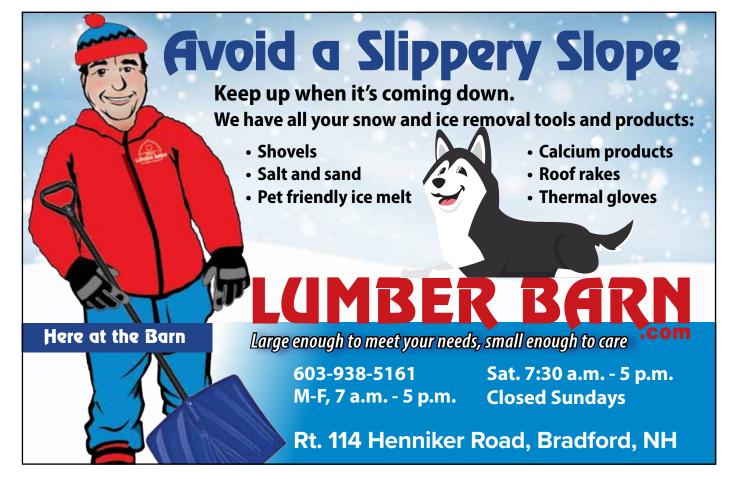
nothing more powerful than that."

We're so very heartened that our community nominated us, and the LSRCC board voted us Business of the Year. We're also thrilled to be in the company of the outstanding individuals and organizations who were recognized for their work at the awards ceremony.

We look forward to another great year of community service and learning as we grow!



The Henniker Lions Club raised \$1,218.00 at its recent Christmas Tree Bonfire at the Henniker Brewery.







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Students at Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School have been having SNOW MUCH FUN at recess this week in all of the fresh snow! Patrick is the king of the snow mountain.



Students in grades 2, 3, & 4 in physical education classes with Ms. Girard at the Henniker Community School have been taking full advantage of the snow that has finally arrived by learning to snowshoe.



James Faulkner Kindergarten student Emersyn Lamoureux is fully engaged in the expert book Taylor Haase (R) wrote and is sharing with her.



Eighteen fourth and fifth graders competed in the spelling bee at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at New London. Anya Leokadia Hartford became the school champion after correctly spelling "retribution." She will take the online spelling test for an opportunity to move on to the state final spelling bee in February with Cecilia Kellett, the runner up, as her alternate.

The Grapevine awarded a \$20,000 grant from NH Charitable Foundation

The Grapevine has received a grant from the John Vance ACCESS Fund, a donor advised fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to expand its capacity to identify, include and support individuals with disabilities in their programs and services.

The Grapevine recently received a \$20,000 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The grant will help further the Grapevine's mission of promoting family and community health and well being through support, education and the sharing of resources. Funding will support a strength program for seniors with limited mobility (in partnership with Town of Antrim Recreation); training and professional opportunities for staff including in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Child & Family Programs and early intervention screenings; and support for their Avenue A Teen Center programs which welcomes teens of all ability levels including those who are neurodivergent or experience a

disability.

The purpose of the John Vance ACCESS Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation, created after the passing of ACCESS founding executive director John Vance, is to provide support to organizations and programs that support individuals with disabilities in New Hampshire. The mission of ACCESS--to promote the valued social roles of people with disabilities--is embedded in The Grapevine mission to promote family and community health and well being.



Premier Printing & Embroidery recently dedicated its sidewalk bench to George Arvanetaki, a retired Air Force Colonel residing in Hillsboro. Known as the town's "Energizer Bunny," George has served on many committees including; Hillsborough Balloon Fest, History Alive and volunteered with Greater Hillsborough Senior Services, Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce and Hillsborough's Republican Party Committee to name a few. Whenever anyone asks how he is, his comment is always, "One foot in front of the other and GOD does the rest," which you will find on the plaque. We envision all who go by to take a rest and enjoy the day!

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Publisher's Perspective

RULES TO TEACH YOUR SON

I recently came across this piece on the internet. Although I have no idea who wrote it, it seems like good advice to me.

- 1. Never shake a man's hand sitting
- 2. Don't enter a pool by the stairs.
- 3. The man at the BBQ Grill is the closest thing to a king.
- 4. In a negotiation, never make the first offer.
- 5. Request the late check-out.
- 6. When entrusted with a secret, keep
- 7. Hold your heroes to a higher standard.
- 8. Return a borrowed car with a full tank of gas.
- 9. Play with passion or don't play at all. 10. When shaking hands, grip firmly and look them in the eye.
- 11. Don't let a wishbone grow where a backbone should be.
- 12. If you need music on the beach, you're missing the point.
- 13. Carry two handkerchiefs. The one in your back pocket is for you. The one in your breast pocket is for her.
- 14. You marry the girl, you marry her family.
- 15. Be like a duck. Remain calm on the surface and paddle like crazy under-

neath.

- 16. Experience the serenity of traveling alone.
- 17. Never be afraid to ask out the best looking girl in the room.
- 18. Never turn down a breath mint.
- 19. A sport coat is worth 1000 words.
- 20. Try writing your own eulogy. Never stop revising.
- 21. Thank a veteran. Then make it up to him.
- 22. Eat lunch with the new kid.
- 23. After writing an angry email, read it carefully. Then delete it.
- 24. Ask your mom to play. She won't let vou win.
- 25. Manners maketh the man.
- 26. Give credit. Take the blame.
- 27. Stand up to bullies. Protect those bullied.
- 28. Write down your dreams.
- 29. Take time to snuggle your pets, they love you so much and are always happy to see you.
- 30. Be confident and humble at the same time.
- 31. If ever in doubt, remember whose son you are and REFUSE to just be ordinary!
- 32. In all things lead by example not explanation.

Author Unknown



On Friday, the Slusser Center celebrated all of their volunteers! Their dedicated volunteers run the many senior programs, make up the Senior Recreation Council, as well as staff the building during the weekday. They have over 40 people committed to help the Recreation Dept. in this capacity, giving hundreds of volunteer hours each year. Pictured above (left to right) are Elaine Millerick, Mary Carroll, Gloria Symonds and Judy Sanborn.



More details in Newbury man's hit & run

Shawn Croteau, the Newbury resident implicated in a hit-and-run earlier this month in Manchester turned his car around, drove past the downed pedestrian and kept going, according to video surveillance of the accident.

The U-turn drive-by is the second questionable action by Croteau, 59, the Merrimack High School track coach who was driving the vehicle. A badly injured Michael Vigneault was discovered minutes after the accident. EMTs took him to a city hospital, where he died from injuries, which included severe head trauma, police reported. The video shows Vigneault, 35, walking east across a well-lit Union Street, and is just inches from a curb when a fast-moving hatchback-like vehicle strikes him. The vehicle proceeds slowly after making the turn, but then accelerates as it approaches Vigneault.

A day after the accident, Croteau was found dead at his home in Newbury. Newbury Police said on Thursday that the New Hampshire Medical Examiner will eventually rule on his death, and the results could take weeks.

Newbury doctor charged with sexual assault

Claremont Police have arrested Dr. Thomas Marks, 70, of Newbury, an orthopedic surgeon at Valley Regional Hospital on charges of aggravated felonious sexual assault, attempt to commit aggravated felonious sexual assault and two counts of sexual assault. The arrest follows an investigation that began in mid-December when a patient reported to them she was allegedly sexually assaulted by Dr. Marks during an office visit.

Hopkinton man arrested on a bench warrant

Dylan Harrington Peterson, 29, of Hopkinton was arrested on a bench warrant after an incident at Cumberland Farms on North Main Street.

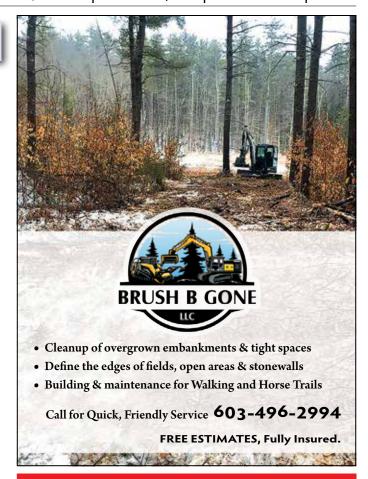
Hillsborough man arrested for DWI 2nd

Dylan J. Gavell was located after multiple people called Hillsboro Police reporting a reckless driver in the center of Hillsboro. One caller reported a vehicle with the same description had struck a telephone pole and left the scene on School Street. Officers located a male walking away from the area where the described vehicle was later found, with significant damage. During the course of the investigation, the male was charged with DUI.

Stratham woman clocked at 90 mph in Weare

On January 28, 2023, a member of the Weare Police Department was conducting traffic enforcement on South Stark Highway by TD Bank. At approximately 6:10 p.m. a blue Honda Civic was observed driving at a high rate of speed.

The officer activated his radar which displayed the vehicle was traveling at 90 mph in the 50 mph zone. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and the female operator was issued a hand summons in lieu of physical arrest for Negligent Driving. The driver, Lydia Barnes, 22 years old of Stratham, NH will appear in Goffstown District Court on March 23, 2023.



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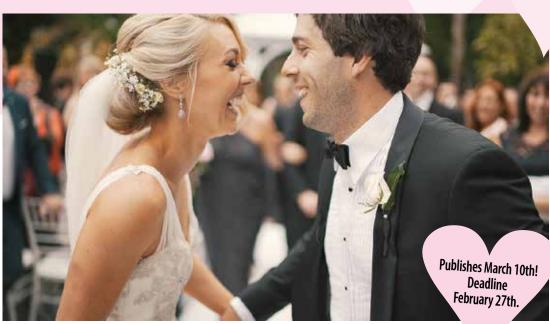
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BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Thomas 58, Hillsboro-Deering 39: The Saints controlled the boards with their size and aggression.

Bedford 73, Goffstown 38: Noah Durham and Cam Hujsak, scored 10 points each.

Trinity 59, Goffstown 46: A valiant effort by the Grizzlies fell short.

Kingswood 56, John Stark 38: The Generals struggled offensively in the first half, but played better in the second half, Kingswood was strong defensively all game.

Souhegan 69, John Stark 39: The Generals played an exciting first half, trailing 29-26 at the break against the defending champion Sabers.

Bow 62, John Stark 36: The Falcons and Generals were in a battle until Bow pulled away in the fourth.

Hollis-Brookline 61, John Stark 56: Logan Montgomery tallied 10 points, Aidan Harris 9, and Donnie White 8.

Campbell 59, Hopkinton 57: The Hawks trailed by 13 at halftime, but battled back to take a one point lead with 15 seconds to go. But an offensive rebound and put back gave hosts Campbell the victory.

Hopkinton 70, Somersworth 57: The Hawks trailed 23-19 after the first quarter but won every quarter the rest of the way and held the visiting Hilltoppers to just 34 points over the final three quarters.

Hopkinton 44, Stevens 26: Marek Joppa lead the way with 21 points, and 6 rebounds.

Stevens 62, Kearsarge 46: Trailing 30-15 at the half, Kearsarge went on several runs, getting steals and playing up-tempo to cut the lead.



ConVal 62, Milford 57, OT: Joe Gutwein led the way with 27 points.

Kearsarge 57, Ryamond 46: Kearsarge was down at the half 27-19, but used tremendous team defense and hustle to take control in the second half, outscoring Raymond 38-19.

Kearsarge 48, Newport 46: Ajay Tremblay scored a bucket off a well-executed sideline in-bounds play with 25 seconds left in the game to lift the Cougars to another victory.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Conant 63, Hillsboro-Deering 31: Emily Howell scored 23 points for H-D, but the undefeated Orioles took control of the game in the first quarter and stayed in control until the final buzzer.

St. Thomas 58, Hillsboro-Deering 39: Emily Howell led the Hillcats with 18 points and Morgan Dean added 15, but the Saints controlled the boards with their size and aggression. **Milford 47, ConVal 35:** The Spartans continued their strong season by dominating the glass and coming away with a 47-35 win.

John Stark 50, Kingswood 28: Nine players scored for the Generals, who held Kingswood to just two points in the fourth quarter.

Bow 60, John Stark 26: The Falcons had a thorough 60-26 win over John Stark in which they forced 24 turnovers.

Pelham 69, John Stark 45: Pelham was too strong and too good.

Hollis-Brookline 55, John Stark 45: The Cavaliers went up by 10 points in the first quarter, but the Generals slowly chipped away and took a one-point lead going into the fourth before Hollis made some key baskets down the stretch to secure the win.

Hopkinton 47, Campbell 28: The Hawks put away the pesky Cougars in the second half as Miner and Sydney Westover combined for 13 second-half points.

Hopkinton 56, Somersworth 26: Maddie Carmichael got the Hawks off and running with eight of her game-high 15 points in the first quarter.

Kearsarge 46, Raymond 28: Ella Stocker had 10 points, Ava Shapiro had 9 points and Adison Whitty had 8 points.

Kearsarge 52, Newfound 43: The Cougars followed up Friday night's victory with another win on Saturday over the Bears.

BOWLING

Sanborn 129, Hillsboro-Deering 116: The Hillcats broke 1,000 in standard play, posting a score of 1,071, but finished at the bottom of the standards.

Hillsboro-Deering: HD bowling played in Manchester this weekend, breaking 600 for the first time all season, and setting their season 2-game high with 1187 total pins. Junior Abby Benn bowled a 136 and a 134 to lead the team for the day. Junior Abby Carroll also bowled a 134. The Hillcats lost to Keene by 10 pins and finished 4th overall.

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Upgrade your HVAC system

HVAC technology has improved substantially in recent years, so you would likely benefit from upgrading now — before you experience an unexpected failure. When you're looking to upgrade your HVAC system, ask your contractor for a system using inverter technology. Unlike conventional systems where the motor technology switches between operating at 100% or being completely turned off — which is very inefficient —systems with inverter technology work to match the heating needs of your home's environment to consistently maintain comfort levels and maximize efficiency.

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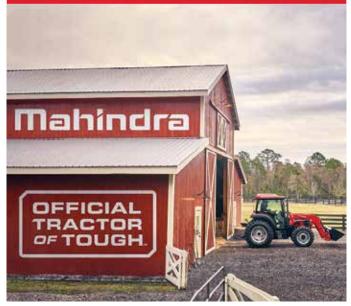
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Saint Michael's College Dean's List

Lily I. Sabol, a junior biology major from Contoocook and a graduate of Hopkinton High School.

Grace E. Clark, a senior English major from Contoocook and a graduate of Hopkinton High School.

Emilie L. Webster, a senior biology major from New London and a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Dean's List

Jamie Baines of Goffstown, majoring in BE, class of 2025. **Adam Bartlett** of New London, majoring in Civil Engineering (BS), class of 2023.

Trevor Faber of Hancock, majoring in Mechanical Engineering (BS), class of 2024.

Livia Hernon of New London, majoring in Biomedical Engineering (BS) Philosophy Minor, class of 2024.

Joseph McNeill of Goffstown, majoring in Architectural Engineering, class of 2024.

Cody Potvin of Goffstown, majoring in Mechanical Engineering (BS), class of 2025.

Henry Wright of New Boston, majoring in Aerospace Engineering (BS), class of 2026.

College of the Holy Cross Dean's List

Elizabeth Angus of New London, member of the class of 2025.

Adam Cooper of Newbury, member of the class of 2024. **Sarah Cooper** of Newbury, member of the class of 2023. **Emily Metzger** of Contoocook, member of the class of 2024.

University of Vermont Dean's List

Emma Yarris from Goffstown is majoring in Psychological Science.

Veronica Iredale from New Boston is majoring in Political Science and English.

Madeline Follansbee from Hopkinton is majoring in Elementary Education - K-6.

Ty Bears from New London is majoring in Biomedical Engi-

Natalie Lafleur from Peterborough is majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Noah Krason from Peterborough is majoring in English.

Other Colleges & Universities

Gracie Medeiros was named to the Siena College President's List for the Fall 2022 Semester. Gracie is from New Boston.

Sarah Mattison, of New Boston, earned a spot on the Dean's List at The College of Saint Rose in Albany.

Hannah Tockman, of Newbury, earned a spot on the President's List at The College of Saint Rose in Albany.

Lauren Riley, of Goffstown, was named to the Mississippi State University fall 2022 President's List.



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Carolyn H. Desmarais

CONCORD - Carolyn 'Kay' Hill Desmarais, age 83, passed away on January

9, 2023, in Concord, NH. Kay was born on November 29, 1939, in Flushing, New York to Earle and Margaret (Carlson) Hill. She married her husband, James



W. Desmarais on June 25, 1960, and they lived in Hillsboro, NH for 11 years. She is survived by her husband, Jim and her 2 boys, Michael, and Mark, and her granddaughter, Caroline Desmarais. She is also survived by her sisters, Barbara McKittrick, and Susan Melcher Clayton, and her brother, Jeff Hill. There will be a Celebration of Life for Kay at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8th at the Grappone Center, Room Salon BC, 70 Constitution Avenue in Concord, NH 03301. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Kay's name to the Pease Public Library,

1 Russell Street, Plymouth, NH 03264

Gerald R. Gagnon

NORTH SUTTON - Gerald R. Gagnon, 61, died Saturday, January 14,

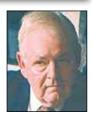
2023. He was born in New London, NH on May 19, 1961. He is predeceased by his father Robert Gagnon. Members of his family surviving include his wife of 29 years, Cheryl Rogers



Gagnon of North Sutton, NH, his Mother Annie Rayno Gagnon, his sister Beverly Gagnon, both of North Sutton, and his niece Desie OKpoebo of Dedham, MA. Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to Darbster Doggy, 109 Dover Road, Chichester, NH 03258.

Gerald J. Carney

NEW LONDON - On Saturday January 21, 2023, the Honorable Gerald J. Carney, loving husband, father, grandfather, and uncle passed away peacefully at the age of 82. Gerald was born on January 6, 1941, in Rockville Centre, New York to Georgianna (Guth)



Carney and Thomas Carney. Gerald is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Leslie; his daughter, Alison Carney Senior, her husband Neil Senior, and their daughter Isabelle (Izzy) Carney Senior; his daughter Megan Carney Gust, her husband Stephen Gust and their children Caroline Grace Gust and Andrew Carney Gust. He took immense pride in his three grandchildren, and they filled him with constant, loving joy. Burial will be in West Part Cemetery, New London. NH at the convenience of the family. Donations in Gerald's memory can be made to the New London Hospital and EMS who provided him with care and compassion.







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Rita O. (Graziano) Gerrard

HOPKINTON - Rita O. (Graziano) Gerrard, 90, of Hopkinton, NH passed away Wednesday December 7, 2022 at the



Laconia Rehabilitation Center in Laconia. NH. Rita was born in Concord, NH on August 26, 1932 to the late Thomas A and Margery L. (Nelson) Graziano; also predeceased by a son, Thomas G Gerrard, and a sister, Norma E Carson, Survived by one daughter, Lois G Azmy of Warner, NH, one brother, Gary S Graziano Sr of Contoocook, NH, four grandchildren, several nieces & nephews. She lived with her granddaughter, Nabila Azmy of Tilton, NH for many years. Private graveside services will be held in spring in Contoocook Village Cemetery in Contoocook, NH.

David Mark Jensen

HILLSBORO - David Mark Jensen, 55, of Hillsboro, NH passed away in his

home January 18th, 2023 after a lengthy and courageous fight against Lung Cancer and COPD. David was born in Exeter, NH on March 11, 1967, the son



of Eleanor E. (Flaherty) Jensen and the late Richard W. Jensen Sr. David will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his mother Eleanor Jensen, daughter Jessica Jensen, three brothers Richard Jr, Kevin, and Walter Jensen, two sisters Sharon Poitras and Virginia Battle and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his dad Richard Jensen Sr and his sister Alison Johnston. There will be no funeral services at this time. To fulfill his final wishes, a celebration of life and burial will be planned for the Spring at Life Forest on Beard Road in Hillsboro, NH. Those wishing to contribute to the purchase of a memorial tree in David's memory should

reach out to his daughter, Jessica Jensen at jessicajensen24@icloud.com.

Susan Cooney Hagner

CONTOOCOOK - Susan Cooney Hagner, 71, of Contoocook, NH, passed

away on January 22 after a long illness. Susan is survived by her husband of 50 years, David; daughter Meredith Post, her husband Eric, and their children Stella and Gracie; daughter Kate



and her children Edith and David; sister Ann Cooney; brother Bud Cooney and his wife Jane: brother Thom Coonev Crawford; and dog, Poco. Donations in Susan's memory may be made to Emerson School for Preschoolers, which Susan loved as family. A Celebration of Life will be held on February 19 at 11:00 a.m. at the Carriage House at the Kimball Jenkins School of Art, 266 N. Main Street, Concord, NH.





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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

BEES & BUTTERFLIES: learn from local experts how to create a welcoming space for bees and butterflies, 2pm. Panel Discussion at the Tucker free Library. Ruth Droescher - Creating Pollinator Gardens Bethany Newcomb - Beginner Beekeeping Mark Ellingwood - Butterfly Basics Marie Pelletier - Reaping the Benefits 3:15pm Book Reading and family activity Brandi Mae, new Henniker resident and author of Bizzy the Very Busy Bumblebee will be at the library.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7

"CIVICS 101": Meet Your Elected Officials 6:00pm-7:30pm Peterborough Town Library (1833 Room). Offered by League of Women Voters (PeterboroPlus Unit). Representatives Jim Creighton and Riché Colcombe will be there as well as Senator Ruth Ward. We hope you will be able to come! Meet your elected officials live and in person. Learn firsthand what they do.

ANTRIM: American Legion Post 50 will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30pm, at the post home on West St. All members, veterans and guests are welcome.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18

CPR TRAINING: Hillsboro Fire Department 9am-12pm. Limited seating. \$25 per person. Reserve your spot at HILLSBORO.COM

COUNTRY DANCE NIGHT: Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering. 7-10pm. Tickets available online and at the door. Dance lessons and lots of fun!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19

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The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday; February 7th, 2023 at the Henniker Community Center, 57 Main Street, Henniker, NH.

TOWN of HENNIKER

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The Town of Henniker NH is inviting bid pricing for roadside mowing in Henniker. Bid proposals must be on company letterhead clearly stating price and specifications. Bids must be sealed and marked "Mowing 2023" and be delivered to Town of Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Road, Henniker NH 03242 by March 1, 2023, at 12:00 PM, when they will be opened publicly and read aloud. Contact person: Leo Aucoin, Highway Superintendent 603-428-7200.

For Bid Specifications please go to the <u>www.henniker.org</u> website under the Doing Business tab – Bids and RFPs.

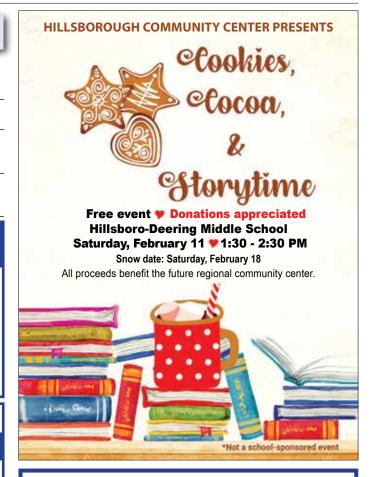
TOWN of HENNIKER

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